

REMARKS

The Final Office Action of June 30, 2008, has been carefully reviewed. The present application now contains only claims 1-6, and should be in condition for allowance consistent with what is stated in the official action. Accordingly, favorable consideration and early formal allowance are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 have been allowed and claim 7 has only been objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim. The dependent part of claim 7 has now been incorporated into claim 6, thereby converting claim 6 into what is effectively claim 7 in independent form. Accordingly, claim 6, corresponding to claim 7 in independent form, should now be allowable along with claims 1-5.

In view of the allowance of claims 1-5 and the indication that claim 7 also defines patentable subject matter, applicant understands that all of these claims are deemed by the PTO to define novel and unobvious subject matter under Sections 102 and 103, and to meet all other requirements for patentability including those of Section 112. Applicant is proceeding in reliance thereof.

Claim 6 has been rejected but applicant need not address that rejection at the present time in view of the

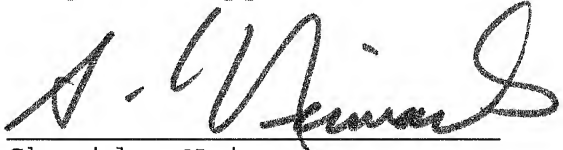
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amendment made above incorporating the dependent part of claim  
7 into claim 6.

Favorable consideration and early formal allowance  
are earnestly solicited.

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